

Fort Sheridan Cold Storage House
(Building No. 100)
West of Lyster Rd.
Fort Sheridan
Lake County
Illinois

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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FORT SHERIDAN, COLD STORAGE HOUSE (Building No. 100)

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Location:

Off Lyster Road west of the Quartermaster and
Commissary Storehouses (Building No. 35).
Fort Sheridan, Lake County, Illinois.

USGS Highland Park Quadrangle, Universal Transverse
Mercator Coordinates: 16. 432770. 4673540.

Present Ownerand Occupant:

United States Army.

Present Use:

Cold storage warehouse.

Significance:

A cold storage house which adds to the comprehensiveness
of the historic building inventory at Fort Sheridan.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1897.
2. Architect: Not known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: U.S. Army from date of construction to the present.
4. Contractor: Corse and Jeffrey.
5. Original plan and construction: A two-story, rectangular structure constructed of buff-cream brick. The ridge of the gable roof runs north-south, and the entrance is in the long (east) side.
6. Alterations and additions: Some of the windows have been infilled with brick and cement. The slate roof has been replaced with cement asbestos shingles. In 1932 a concrete loading platform was constructed on the south and east sides.

B. Bibliography:

Papers Relating to Fort Sheridan. Office of the Quartermaster General Consolidated Correspondence Files, 1784-1915 and Office of the Quartermaster General, Construction Division, Record Group 92, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C.

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PART 11. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The architect of the building has not been identified. Its raked parapets with terra cotta coping on the gable ends, however, are a characteristic of many of the Holabird and Roche designed buildings at Fort Sheridan. The parapets and stone brackets on the gable ends and the segmental arched, flat topped, brick lintels over the windows and doors make this otherwise utilitarian structure distinctive.
2. Condition of fabric: Generally deteriorating. The brick is dirty. The interior has not been maintained.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: The building is two stories high with a full basement. It measures 19' by 36'.
2. Foundations: Limestone rubble.
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Brick laid in common bond with four rows of stretchers to one of headers. The brick may be the buff-cream color characteristic of early construction at Fort Sheridan but it is too dirty to recognize. There is a belt course above the basement level which encircles the building.
4. Structural system: Brick bearing wall.
5. Porches: A concrete loading platform covers half the front (east side) and all of the south side. The platform is reached by concrete stairs on the east side.
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: There is one entrance on the facade. The door is of heavy wooden construction with panels. The metal handle is similar to that on a refrigerator. It is presently locked by a padlock. Below the stone lintel a metal shed roof

projects over the doorway. It is painted green. On the south gable end there is a wooden loft door with a segmental arch formed by three rowlocks and topped by a projecting row of stretchers. A beam projects above the arch. There is a concrete sill. On the north gable end, double wood doors provide access to the basement. Above the entrance are triple rowlocks. Concrete stairs lead down to the door which is below ground level. The doors are painted dark green.

- b. Windows: Originally there were six windows on the facade, one at basement level, three at the first floor level and two at the second floor level. There was one window on the south gable end at the first floor level. All of the windows except for one above the door on the facade have been infilled with brick and some have been covered with cement. The segmental arches formed by rowlocks above the windows and the concrete sills are still visible. The one remaining window is single sash with two lights. There is no evidence of any windows on the west or north sides.

- 7. Roof: The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. On the gable ends there are raked parapets with terra cotta coping and rounded stone brackets.

C. Description of Interior:

There are two rooms on the main floor connected by a heavy door covered with metal sheeting. The walls and ceilings are painted plaster. The floor is concrete. There are no signs of the original windows inside.

D. Site:

The building is situated in a paved area which provides access to delivery trucks to the nearby Commissary on the west. In close proximity on the east is the Quartermaster and Commissary Storehouses (Building No. 35).

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) under the auspices of Interagency Archeological Services, Atlanta and funded by the U.S. Department of Army, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. It included a historical and architectural survey of the fort to provide the necessary data for implementation of the Fort Sheridan Historic District. Documentation was obtained on thirty-one buildings. The survey and documentation were accomplished by Sally Kress Tompkins, an architectural historian on the HABS staff, under the direction of John Poppeliers, Chief of HABS; Kenneth Anderson, Principal Architect; Carolyn Pitts, Principal Historian, and Allen Chambers, architectural historian and editor. The photographs were taken by William Kumpf of Architectural Camera, Chicago.